of problems relating to mineral industry and also to attract FDI in this sector;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Committee has made a number of important recommendations for adopting modern methods for basing the mineral industries on improved and advanced techniques alongwith mining and exploiting it at large scale; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith Government's viewpoint thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) to (c) The High Level Committee setup in the Planning Commission under the chairmanship of Shri Anwarul Hoda to review the National Mineral Policy and recommend possible amendments to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) (MMDR) Act, 1957 to give a fillip to private investment in the mining sector has submitted its report on 20.7.2006. The report is being examined.

Capital Disinvestment in NALCO

†2020. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the factual position regarding disinvestment of capital in NALCO;

(b) whether the disinvestment proposal would be cancelled *in toto* in real terms;

(c) if so, the date by when an announcement to this effect would be made; and

(d) the steps taken by his Ministry for cancellation of the disinvestment proposal completely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) to (d) On 22nd June, 2006, Government had approved a proposal to sell 10% of the paid up equity capital out of Government's shareholding of 87.15% in NALCO through the process of book building. However, subsequently, on 6th July, 2006, Government decided to keep all disinvestment decisions and proposals on hold, pending further review.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.